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I felt that I would not feel right complaining about the outcome of this trial unless I were to at the very least make my thoughts known.

And my thoughts are that Microsoft has used its powers both legally and illegally to make inroads into markets it has no business in. It used Windows to crush Netscape, it has been using its unique positions to wage a war on RealPlayer, it is now using its position with Windows XP to make a global authentication system which they get money for.

They are not held liable for the billions of dollars of damage caused by them crushing other businesses instead of focusing inward to fix security problems. The kinds of damage caused recently are the direct result of Microsoft spreading itself too thin, and even now its best solution is to issue a memo and trying to squelch security professionals.

Now Microsoft has entered my industry - the video game industry - through their inroads in controlling Windows. They control the graphics in Windows, they make a Windows machine, and they have the money FROM that to operate at a huge loss to generate revenue. They give away Internet Explorer and Windows Media Player for free, full featured, because they can leverage it from the operating system sales and make strategic partnerships with contents providers. Both inroads made to prevent competition they MAY have.

They are a juggernaut that must be stopped. Split up, heavily taxed, or held accountable for the billions of dollars of loss.

They are able to raise and lower prices at will, and are adopting a subscription based service for upgrades that consumers DO NOT WANT. They give out their development tools for free, but will crush anyone using their tools to compete with mere numbers of programmers and the ability to put things on the desktop. They are a juggernaut who show no signs of letting up or letting others compete.

Thanks for your time.

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